

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Meeting of January 26, 2007**

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**PRESENT**

George Boothby, LHRC Chair  
Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC  
Bobby Howlett, Jr. LHRC  
Lynette Jennings, LHRC  
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DMHMRSAS  
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services  
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates  
Sue Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center  
Shawn Ware—Avant, Paramount Youth Services  
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Programs  
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.  
Steven Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services  
Veronica Tynes, Family Net  
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center  
Felix Johnson, The Barry Robinson Center

**ABSENT**

Barbara Parker, LHRC  
Douglas Ray, Franklin House

Chairperson George Boothby called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He reported that LHRC member, Barbara Parker, had called before the meeting to state she would not be able to attend.

**2007 Meeting Dates**

The remaining 2007 LHRC meeting dates are April 27, July 27 and October 26, 2007. Chairperson George Boothby reminded the Committee that his last meeting would be April 27, 2007. He will be retiring and relocating to North Carolina. He also reported that a new potential Committee member has been identified and will be submitting an application to the Department of Human Rights. The potential member will then be interviewed during the April 2007 meeting.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor correction.

**Advocate's Report**

Stewart Prost reminded everyone that the LHRC training for committee members occurred in November 2006, however, no one from this committee attended. He stated he would ensure that the two individuals who need to attend the training receive information regarding the next available training during the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also reported the next training opportunity will possibly occur at Eastern State Hospital and will include discussions on HIPPA, etc. Mr. Prost reminded all providers that the annual report on seclusions and restraints must be submitted to Marion Greenfield by January 15, 2007. Since some of the providers stated they were unaware of the date or the format, Mr. Prost stated he would e-mail Dr. Monica Manley the format required to submit the data and she will then send the information via e-mail to the providers.

Mr. Prost reported there was a public hearing on the regulations. Dr. Bateman, Executive Director of The Barry Robinson Center, and one other individual made comments. Currently, the comments are being considered and reviewed by DMHMRSAS. After which, there will be another comment period. Mr. Prost believes the regulations will be finalized by this summer. Thus, the next LHRC conference will possibly be held next fall to discuss the changes in the regulations.

Mr. Prost indicated there is a vacancy in the office for an individual to oversee children's programs. Until that vacancy is filled, current advocates will cover children's programs.

Mr. Prost reminded Committee members that the Department of Human Rights would be conducting human rights reviews to determine if they are in compliance with the regulations from now until the end of March. He reported the reviews are a useful tool to look at regulations and compliance of organizations. Human Rights advocates have been directed by Mr. Daye to provide a report to providers within two working days after the visit. The providers will have ten working days to develop and submit corrective action plans. Mr. Prost reiterated that the human rights review should be viewed as a learning process and not punitive. He stated the reviews and corrective actions are taken into consideration before any recommendations are made for citations to the Licensing Board. Finally, he reported providers would be contacted prior to a review.

### **Program Reports**

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and one client in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. She also reported Virginia Beach has changed the prefixes to some of their telephone numbers; and therefore, the new Pendleton telephone number is 385-4537.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 68 clients in 7 substance abuse and regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 11 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steven Waranch reported they are currently serving 20 patients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency groups. There is one adolescent group and one adult group. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. Paramount Youth Services – Shawn Ware-Avant reported they are currently serving 31 residents in four group homes. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. She indicated there were two incidents that she wanted to discuss during closed session.
6. New Life – Nina Joyner reported they are currently serving 94 intensive in-home clients within New Life. Mary's House has 3 clients. Sister's House has 3 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. She reported that there was one incident in which the police were called secondary to two residents fighting at Mary's House. No charges were filed. Ms. Joyner reported the police were called to help because they do not restrain clients. Subsequently, one of the residents was discharged

secondary to not being appropriate for the setting. Ms. Joyner indicated she would discuss the incident in detail during closed session.

7. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 86 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 58 families. Fifty-eight families are receiving in-home services, 14 clients are in day support, and 12 clients are receiving family care giving training. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Family Net – Veronica Tynes reported they currently have 12 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Franklin House – No representative was present. Chairperson, George Boothby, indicated Mr. Douglas Ray was sent a letter informing him that secondary to missing the last meeting (unexcused absence), he was dropped to temporary affiliation status and if he did not attend the next meeting providing an explanation for his failure to comply with the affiliation agreement, he would no longer be affiliated with the Committee. Mr. Prost indicated he believed Franklin House had surrendered their license. He stated he would check to see if that was the case, and if they have surrendered their license, they are no longer affiliated with the Committee. Dr. Boothby indicated the Committee should continue with the process and disaffiliate Franklin House with the LHRC secondary to failing to comply with the affiliation agreement. There was a motion to remove Franklin House and it was seconded. Therefore, Franklin House is no longer affiliated with the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee.
11. The Barry Robinson Center – The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson's Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to licensing/Human Rights, and special treatment procedure utilization during closed session.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) for the purpose of reviewing two incidents that occurred at Paramount Youth Center, one incident at New Life and to review The Barry Robinson Center's occurrence reports.

### **Exit Executive Session**

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated they made no recommendations regarding two incidents at Paramount Youth, one incident at New Life and any of the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.